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To Whom It May Concern:

With the proposal of the oil and gas project of 5,000 new hydraulically fractured horizontal wells in Converse County, irreversible negative impacts for landowners, land, air, water, and wildlife prevails.

BLM needs to protect the landowners with less wells and more distance between homes and wells. BLM acknowledges that the proposed development will cause violations of health-based air quality standards. This issue needs to be addressed to protect the health and safety not only for the residents and wildlife, but also to protect the air, land and water. BLM should not waive seasonal drilling restrictions, which protect wildlife species during sensitive calving and nesting times.

BLM needs to limit the amount of water drawn from the aquifers, as well as provide bonding for the wells to protect the landowners and taxpayers from picking up the tab from orphaned wells and other cleanup. BLM needs to analyze the impact of noise and lights and complete the analysis before any wells are drilled.